

Village of INDIAN POINT

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Calendar of Events—

December, 2004

December 6 — Noon
Police & Safety

December 8—2:00 p.m.
Board of Public Works

December 9 — 6:30 & 6:45
p.m.
Public Hearings

December 9—7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning

December 14—7:00 p.m.
Trustees Meeting

*Note: All meetings/events
are held in the Treehouse
Condo Club Room unless
noted otherwise*

*As of publication, these are
the only meetings sched-
uled.*

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Wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Ahead of the Pack!

By: Arno Wehr II

In November almost every business on Indian Point helped donate over \$17,000 in cash, rooms, food, boat rentals, and services to the new Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce 2005 public relations campaign.

This new campaign is aimed at new markets and the donation can be leveraged with media opportunities to secure \$150,000 or more of good public relations through contest and give away programs. The area wide new imaging program is designed to promote lakes and the outdoors. The area was given a challenge to help and in less than one week, our local business owners stepped up to the plate and delivered this home-run for the area.

Once again, our small business community has shown its leadership and willingness to develop a solid lake wide economy.



2005 Election

In April, 2005, election will be held for two (2) Trustee positions. The qualifications to run for the position are:

1. Must be a resident of the Village of Indian Point for at least one year immediately preceding the election.
2. A Citizen of the United States
3. Must be 21 years of age or older.

If you are interested in running for the position of Trustee, please come by the office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to file.

Filing dates are December 14, 2004 through January 18, 2005.

Toys for Tots

Don't forget to drop off your Toys for Tots at White Wing Resort from now through December. Toys must be new, but DO NOT WRAP OR OPEN THE TOYS—If you have any questions, contact Laura at 338-2318.

TRUSTEES NOVEMBER MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on November 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Clubroom to review and/or take action on the following:

- Minutes from the October meeting was approved as written.
- Jack Ball & Associates presented preliminary sketches of the Community Building. Decisions were tabled until the December meeting.
- October financials were reviewed and filed for audit.
- Approval to renew the Commercial Lease for another year with the Indian Point Chamber of Commerce was approved.
- A draft Noise Ordinance was reviewed, changes made, another review will be held in December.
- Trustees approved \$5,000 match for trails in the Village with the Ozarks Mountain Nature Trails.
- Police and Safety—Brett Stump reported that the Chief of Police has his Missouri

POST certification and the grant for police equipment has been completed and submitted.

- Planning and Zoning Commission—Greg Maycock reported on a second sketch plan presented in Table Rock Beach subdivision, Lot K for condos.
- Board of Public Works—Greg Maycock reported that work is continuing on the Jakes Creek Trail Project.
- Roads—Jim Daily reported that an individual is interested in trading the grader for a back hoe and equipment. Trustees approved to allow the Roads Department to pursue the possibility.
- CAAD—No Report
- Recycling—Betty Fier reported that the hazardous waste project in Branson West was a success.
- Transportation Coalition—Jan Hoynacki reported on the progress of the coalition (see article on the page 3 of this issue) and asked the Board of Trustees for a vote of confidence and support to the project. Trustees approved the support of the efforts of the Transportation Coalition for building another road and possible road improvements to Indian Point Road.

- Accounts payable were approved as presented.
- Comments from the floor: Greg Maycock made additional remarks regarding the CID (Community Improvement District) and the 2005 budget process. Betty Fier inquired as to the deer containment in the Village.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

An agenda item of the Vent-less Fireplaces or Stoves was requested to be removed and will be placed on the agenda in December.

Copies of the actual minutes of the meeting are in the Village office. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$1.00 per month and the proper forms are available in the office to receive a copy or download the minutes from the website at no charge!

Don't!

By: Arno Wehr II

This is friendly advice from our Board of Public Works.

- Don't drink untested well water
- Don't let sewage outfall continue on your property

Do you realize the Village can help with solutions just like old grand-dad did when you need a little repair job!

Planning & Zoning Commission to hold Public Hearings

The Village of Indian Point, Missouri Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 6:30 PM at the Treehouse Condominium community room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations.

The Village of Indian Point, Missouri Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 6:45 PM at the Treehouse Condominium community room. The purpose is to hear comments regarding an application to change the Zoning of property located in

Table Rock Beach subdivision, Block K and Block I, Lots 6 through 17 from R-1 (single family) to R-4 (multi family).

All interested parties are invited to attend both hearings and make public comments.

Village of Indian Point Has Hopes of Additional Road

By: Jan Hoynacki—Transportation Coalition Chair

Many people complain about the difficulty getting in or out of the Village at various times of the day and season, depending upon the status of Silver Dollar City traffic. It also greatly slows down east-west movement on highway 76 at these times, and makes emergency vehicle travel virtually impossible. In an effort to improve the situation, I brought the issue to the Village Trustees over a year ago, and then, with the counsel of Senator Doyle Childers, formed the Indian Point Transportation Coalition, which has had several meetings during this past year. Everyone from the Village and points east and west, as well as Silver Dollar City have been welcomed and invited to participate.

Among the participants have been Senator Childers, Rep. Dennis Wood, Indian Point Village, Stone County Commissioners, Stone County Economic Development, MoDOT, Silver Dollar City, The Wilderness at Silver Dollar City (Silver Dollar city Campground), Indian Point Chamber of Commerce, representatives of Kimberling City and Branson West, and many businesses and residents of the Village of Indian Point.

The sincere cooperation and participation of all involved has been phenomenal, and several improvements on Hwy 76 and Indian Point Road have already been made, including a long left-hand turn lane to Indian Point westbound on Hwy 76, improved signage along that area, and on heavy volume days SDC is now parking their eastbound guests at Notch first, saving that much congestion from reaching the Indian Point intersection.

With the help of several attorneys, the combined input of Coalition members, and brand new legislation just passed, it has now been determined that the Village of Indian Point, Silver Dollar City, and the Wilderness of Silver Dollar city (Silver Dollar City Campground) can form a CID (Community Improvement District) which can build a new road from Hwy 265 at Silver Dollar city Campground to Indian Point

Road just north of Deer Run. And when that is completed, improvements can be made to Indian Point Road from the north end of the Village to Hwy 76, safely, and without disrupting access and egress to Indian Point. The CID petition must be specific, and must be signed by more than 50% of the land owners in the CID.

This construction can be funded by a sales tax of up to 1% of taxable sales collected in the Village, the Campground, and Silver Dollar City, not to include tax on motor vehicles and boats. But NO SALES TAX CAN BE IMPOSED WITHOUT THE VOTING CONSENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CID, AND NO PROPERTY TAX WOULD BE INVOLVED AT ALL! And before any vote would be taken, the details of the projects to be undertaken, the costs involved, and the sunset of the tax would all be established and brought before the Indian Point residents for input. Understanding the need for better access and egress to Indian Point, the advantage of dividing the traffic over two roads instead of one, and providing faster access to points east via Hwy 265 and Hwy 376, MoDOT has been very supportive and indicated the possibility of matching the CID funding for the new road, and Stone County has been very supportive and offered further help on the county portion of the projects. And, perhaps most importantly, Silver Dollar city has offered to donate the land for the new road.

The benefits of undertaking the CID for the purposes are many:

- 1 Better access/egress to the Village for residents, tourists, employees, and business supplies.
- 2 Reduce emergency response and service call time.
- 3 Make Indian Point closer to Branson via Hwy 376
- 4 Create an additional, attractive entry to Indian Point Village where the new Village offices,

community building/Chamber of Commerce/trailhead will be located.

- 5 Increase business for Village businesses and property value for all in the Village (some say 5%, and some say more than that).

A possible timeline is to compile and file the CID petition with the county by January, 2005, have a sales tax vote in April, 2005, and begin construction on the new road the summer of 2005. After the new road is completed (which will be maintained by MoDOT), improvements will be undertaken to the north end of Indian Point Road through Silver Dollar City during winter months. And after that, there is the very real possibility that another CID could be formed, joining with jurisdictions to the west of the Village, for the purpose of extending the new road to the west, connecting it to Hwy 13. Such a road like this has been identified in the past as the Peninsula Parkway on maps created by regional transportation coalitions, and would be a tremendous asset to the Village of Indian Point.

We realize this is an ambitious schedule. But nothing will be rushed, and all details will be worked out fully, even if it means delaying the project.

As its November meeting, the Village of Indian Point Trustees unanimously voted its support to pursue options to determine the feasibility of the road projects. After all these years of increased traffic congestion, we now have all parties working together in support of the wisest and best solution for all concerned. This has never happened before, and we want to move forward together to the betterment of our community and our quality of life in it.

Everyone is invited to the next meeting of the Transportation Coalition, at which time additional information will be discussed on location and cost of the new road, as well as how much of a sales tax (up to 1%) may be required to retire the debt. The time and location of the meeting will be announced at the next Village Trustees' meeting.

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Chief's Notes

By: Carl McKinney
Police Chief

Hello Indian Point!

Since my last article I've had the opportunity to meet several more residents and business owners here on the Point. I must say everyone is making my wife and I feel at home. However, I must cover a bit of business. While on patrol, several of you have asked how to get in touch with me for emergencies or complaints. Here is how things are going to work:

1. If you have an emergency that is endangering life or property, (happening right now) immediately call 911!
2. If you have information regarding a crime or incident, (Happening right now!) but an emergency response is not necessary, call the

Non-emergency number, 877-747-8977.

3. If you have a complaint regarding any ordinance violation or want to report suspicious activity, either call the Non-Emergency number of call the Village office at 338-5599 or fax your complaint to 338-5279. If you call the Office, please remember to leave your name and phone number along with the nature of your complaint.

Remember if you call or fax the office, a response may not be immediate as I do not work 24 hours a day. However, if your complaint can wait I had rather you call or fax the Village Office because after touring the 911 call center, those folks are constantly on the phone or radio dispatching multiple agencies.

Be aware if you call 911 or the Non-Emergency number, I may not be the officer responding to the call. The call center is advised to notify Stone

County Sheriffs Department in the event I am not currently on Indian Point. However, they will update me on any calls received during my absence.

If **ALL** residents and business owners will follow this set of guidelines, calls will be better handled in regards to severity. Plus, I will have better documentation to each call received.

**The Village Office will be
closed on
Friday, December 24
through
The close of business
On Friday, December 31st**

